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**REGENTS APPROVE ACTIVE DUTY POLICY FOR MILITARY CALL UP**

**BATON ROUGE** -- The Louisiana Board of Regents for postsecondary education yesterday (Sept. 27) unanimously approved an updated statewide policy regarding the military mobilization and activation of Louisiana college and university students who serve in the military reserves and Louisiana National Guard.

Specifically, the policy details notification procedures as well as options for the awarding of academic credit, refund guidelines, the handling of textbooks, student housing, TOPS and other scholarships and financial aid for those who must interrupt their studies because of military service. In addition, the policy outlines re-enrollment procedures.

This joint policy was originally adopted by the Board of Regents and higher education management boards in 1991. It was revised yesterday to include the newly created Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

The revised policy can be found on the Regents' website at [www.regents.state.la.us](http://www.regents.state.la.us) (under Board Information).

Students who are receiving state or federal financial assistance, including TOPS, and are called up for military duty, should contact their college or university financial aid office for additional information.